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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCESSING**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	<i>Application No.</i>	09/684,383
	<i>Filing Date</i>	10 October 2000
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Gertrud HOETTEN
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1646
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	P.M. Mertz
	<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	2923-120
Title of the Invention: MP121, A GROWTH/DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR OF THE TGF- β FAMILY (as amended)		

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed 29 May 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~).

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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